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SUBJECT: INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL OFFICER TRAVEL

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT MINISTER NXUMALO DIRECTLY ABOUT ROSS VISIT. HOWEVER, CHARGE TALKED WITH RICHARD LEONARD, SENIOR INDUSTRIAL ADVISER IN THE MINISTRY ON AUGUST 29. LEONARD SAID NXUMALO IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY ANNOYED AT INTERCONTINENTAL'S REPEATED DELAYS IN PROVIDING FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH HAD FIRST BEEN PROMISED IN MAY. NXUMALO IS ANXIOUS TO SEE ROSS, NOT ONLY TO GO OVER FEASIBILITY REPORT BUT ALSO TO MOVE AHEAD ON OTHER AGREEMENTS REGARDING FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HOTEL. MINISTRY THEREFORE TELEXED ROSS AUG 28. SAYING NXUMALO WOULD LIKE HIM TO COME DURING THE WEEK OF SEPT. 9-14. DESPITE NXUMALO'S FREQUENT ABSENCES ABROAD, LEONARD SEEMED CONFIDENT THE MINISTER WOULD BE IN SWAZILAND DURING THAT WEEK.

2. COMMENT. LEONARD IS OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE INTERCONTINENTAL MOVE AHEAD WITH SWAZILAND HOTEL PROJECT SINCE HE PLAYED SOME ROLE IN GETTING THEM INTERESTED HERE AND HIS PRESTIGE IS ON THE LINE. NEVERTHELESS, WE KNOW FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT NXUMALO IS IMPATIENT OVER INTERCONTINENTAL'S DELAY IN PROVIDING FEASIBILITY REPORT, AND HE MAY WELL BELIEVE THEY ARE DELIBERATELY STALLING. WE CANNOT CONFIRM THAT NXUMALO WILL BE IN SWAZILAND

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SEPT. 9-14, BUT, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY BELIEVES

IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR ROSS TO MEET WITH HIM AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.
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